



## Potamothrix bedoti

### A tubificid worm

#### General

1. Oligochaete growing 7—18mm in length

#### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Parts of the Ponto-Caspian region within the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, and Aral Sea drainages
2. Habitat:
  - Occurs at depths of 1—190m
  - Typically associated with eutrophic conditions and fine substrata containing high proportions of clay and silt
  - Occurs in Rivers, lakes, and springs, typically in freshwater; recorded at very low salinities (0.1 ppt)
  - Water temperatures of 0°C—34°C and pH of 7—9
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#### Invasion Pathways

1. Unknown, likely involved with shipping

#### Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=2703>

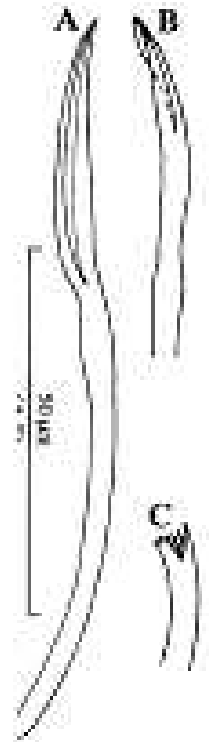


Photo: (A,B) spermathecal chaetae; (C) dorsal bifid. Source: Wang, H. Z. & Y. L. Liang, 2001. *Hydrobiologia*, 463: 29-38.  
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